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THAT UNFAIR FAIR CASE AGAIN.

Those who are opposing the reorganization of the Fair and Park Association base their objection upon the belief that the men who have invested in the organization might make about a normal interest on their money. This is a dishonest objection.

There is not a man living in Cape Girardeau, or any other city, who is perfectly sane, who would invest in anything whether a peanut stand or a railroad and not expect a return on the investment. If there is a legitimate reason for opposing the Fair Board in trying to lift the organization out of debt, it ought to be stated.

The contention that the Fair and Park Association still has \$5,000 in unissued stock and that it should use this to pay its debts, is just an excuse for fighting the men who have carried the load for the county fair. But, for the sake of the argument, what would be the result if the stockholders were willing to sell the remaining stock and use the money to pay debts? When all of the stock had been sold and the number of shares in circulation had been increased fifty per cent, what would be the benefit?

The Association would still be in debt and threatened with bankruptcy, just as it is today. And if it should then reorganize according to the present plans, the men who purchase the remaining \$5,000 worth of stock would get just as much as those who have shouldered the burden during the association's existence.

The stockholders of the Fair Association are looking for light, and to accept the advice that has been so freely offered recently would indicate about as much wisdom as the farmer did when he destroyed the sight of a one-eyed mule because it mistook his whisks for sheaf oats and brayed every time he approached from the blind side.

THE FAIR GROUNDS QUESTION.

If a reorganization of the Fair and Park Association will wipe out the deficit that now confronts it and will insure the continuation of the fair, it should be done.

The report of the secretary of the association, as published in Saturday's issue of The Tribune, shows what an enormous sum is necessary to sustain the fair. But it is worth the money.

To discontinue the county fair would be an enormous loss to this city and a calamity to the county. It brings the people from the four corners of the county to this city, and for that reason is of tremendous value to the merchants. A contest among stock raisers always stimulates interests in the production of live stock, and in this progressive era no county can afford to permit its cattle, sheep, horses and hogs to deteriorate.

But it costs money to hold fairs, and the Fair and Park Association ought to be encouraged. The reorganization plans seem to be fair enough, and in view of conditions that confront the organization, something must be done.

Three holders of mortgages against the Association have served notice that they expect to get their money or force the organization into bankruptcy. If the park is sold under the hammer, it may mean that there will be no more fairs and that would be a distinct loss to this city.

Stockholders in this association should think seriously before throwing the property into bankruptcy. It is easy to dispose of a fair grounds, but it is not so easy to rebuild one.

NEW GUNS AT THE FRONT.

During the past two weeks the Germans have brought to the front two new weapons of destruction. One of these, which will go into action within the next few days, shoots twenty-seven miles. At that distance it can penetrate a wall of cement fifteen feet thick.

If placed along the coast of the English Channel, it would send a projectile across that body of water, which is 22 miles wide, and five miles inland. Is it any wonder that the Englishmen, living along the coast line, are considering the advisability of digging cyclone cellars?

Imagine what a shock it would be to look down a gun barrel that resembled a sewer! Isn't it enough to curdle milk?

But that gun is not all. The Kaiser recently brought out another very nasty little gun, which fires a projectile monstrously disproportionate to its size. It is now being used in the trench fighting of the Aisne.

It is called the "Minenwerfer," (mine-thrower) and is no more than a "hand" grenade thrown by a gun. It is, like the giant 42 centimetre siege gun, a product of Krupp ingenuity. The howitzer part of the "Minenwerfer" is only about three feet long and weighs 130 pounds. The mounting weighs 100 pounds and the bed or platform 330 pounds.

It is mounted on wheels and two men easily move it from place to place. The diameter of the bore is only three inches, but it throws a shell over a foot in diameter, spherical in shape and containing nearly 200 pounds of high explosive!

It does this by a curious device. There is a long stem which fits into the muzzle of the gun. A second stem fits into the outer end of the first and on this second stem the big sphere is fixed.

When the gun is fired both stems leave together, but the back half (the part which fitted into the muzzle) soon drops off, and the great shell then hurtles on its way.

The grenade travels through the air very slowly and the enemy can easily see it coming and might conceivably in favorable circumstances dodge it by running.

The initial velocity is only 230 feet a second. The lowest elevation used is forty-five degrees and at this angle the shell travels 450 yards, the maximum range of the gun. At this range the shell takes ten seconds in flight and reaches a height of 410 feet in the air.

As four pounds of dynamite or gun cotton will usually demolish breast-works of three feet thickness composed of dirt rammed between planks, it is easy to see what a great effect this trench howitzer shell must have.

With these facts in view, it is not surprising that the King of Belgium refuses to quit running.

THIS CITY TO THE FRONT.

With 1914 rapidly drawing to a close, it is time to glance back over the year and recall the advancements made by this city during the past twelve months. While 1914 was no better than a great many years this city has passed through, it has been exceptionally good, everything considered.

The past few months have found a depression throughout the country. St. Louis was especially hit, but Cape Girardeau was not. Business continued through the worst period of the year, and the total receipts of the business institutions in this city are little if any less than they were one year ago.

Cape Girardeau is about the only city in the state that kept its shoe factory going. It is true that all of the shoe workers in this city did not work all of the time, but they did well. While other factories were closed down, the Cape institution kept running the greater part of the time.

Cape Girardeau as a whole flourished during the year. At least 150 new buildings were erected, which is a record no other city of its size in the state has equaled. Counting five persons to the average family, as the Government figures, Cape Girardeau's population is about one thousand larger than it was twelve months ago.

Mayor Kage and the City Council are to be commended for the service they have rendered the city since 1913 passed into the bourne of time. Miles of granitoid streets now cover thoroughfares that one year ago were coated with clay. Bloomfield, Benton, Frederick, Fountain, Henderson, Bellevue and Ellis are some of the streets that have been improved this year. This work will be continued next year, and the city will expand as it has during the past twelve months.

Cape Girardeau is the town that never sleeps.

BUNKO MAN TAKES TRAPPERS BOOTS

Thief Takes Rubber to Try Them on and Never Comes Back.

James Pratt, a resident of South Cape, was the victim of two wily strangers who met him near the freight depot yesterday morning, and bamboozled him out of a pair of hip rubber boots which he valued at \$2.50.

Pratt is a hunter and trapper, operating in the timbered swamp lands south of this city. He has met with poor success since the season opened this year, and becoming discouraged, concluded to dispose of his equipment and had started to town to sell his boots.

When he reached the freight depot he was approached by two men, one of whom asked him if he cared to sell the boots. He replied in the affirmative, and the prospective purchaser took them and advised Mr. Pratt that he would step behind a pile of stone and try them on, and if they fit he would buy them at the price offered. He then disappeared while his companion remained and engaged the old trapper in conversation. After considerable time had elapsed Mr. Pratt became suspicious and began a search for the party who had taken his boots. Passing around the obstructing pile of stone, he could find no one, and while he was conducting his investigation the second stranger also disappeared.

Policeman Jeff Hutson was summoned by telephone, and when he arrived he rounded up a number of strangers who have been maintaining a camp on the river bank near the freight depot for several days, but the glib trapper was unable to identify any of them, and a careful search of the vicinity failed to reveal his lost property.

No arrests were made, but before leaving the scene, Officer Hutson issued orders that camp be broken at once, and that the members depart without delay. His instructions were accepted without question, and all that now remains of what was once a well attended "hoboes' rest," are some scattered tin cans and the charred remains of an abandoned camp fire.

DEAD MAN'S SUIT IS COMING UP IN COURT

Brownwood Resident, Walking Near Track, Struck By Man Stealing Truck on Train.

William Gregory of Chaffee, summoned to testify in the case of Logsdon vs. the Frisco Railway Co., in the Common Pleas Court, arrived in the city yesterday.

Mr. Gregory is a trainman and the trial is the outcome of an accident that occurred at Brownwood last April when an aged man named Logsdon was injured by a passing train on which Gregory was employed.

He says Logsdon was walking along the side of the track and was struck by a trespasser who was stealing a ride on the side of a box car.

While the aged pedestrian was not seriously hurt, he was knocked into a pool of water and became so chilled that he contracted pneumonia and died a short time later.

A suit for damages has been brought by relatives of the deceased Logsdon, and the trial will be held at this term of court.

SLEEPS IN BURNING BED

Henry Freeman Awakes and Finds Self Among Flames.

Fire broke out in one of the sleeping rooms over the Crescent restaurant at about 1 o'clock this morning, and when Henry Freeman, the occupant of the room, was awakened, the bed on which he slept was in flames and the room was filled with smoke.

He leaped to the floor and groped his way along the wall until he came to the door when he passed into the hall and turned on the lights. He then returned to the room, and in attempting to gather up the burning bedding, received some severe burns on his arms.

Policeman Arthur Whitener rushed up into the building and seized the burning mattress and threw it out of the window on to the sidewalk.

Mr. Freeman's trousers which were left hanging at the foot of the bed were completely destroyed.

The fire department was called out but the flames were extinguished before their arrival.

J. C. Boxderfer of Perryville, visited friends in this city yesterday.

R. L. McLaran of St. Louis, transacted business in this city yesterday.

John Colis of St. Louis, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

FAIR ASSOCIATION FINISHES THE YEAR ONLY \$450 AHEAD

Report Shows Organization Lost Almost \$600 in Past Two Seasons—More Than \$7,000 Spent in Autumn Entertainment—Members of Board Say Reorganization is Imperative.

The annual report of the Cape Girardeau Fair and Park Association, as announced yesterday, shows that after paying up all of the bills incurred by the 1914 fair, there is a balance in the treasury of eighty dollars.

There are a few small sums to be collected which with the \$300 allotted to the Association by the Legislature in its appropriation to encourage county fairs, will bring the balance to about \$446.

Last year there was a deficit of \$1,000, which leaves the Fair Association almost \$600 in debt on the two fairs.

At the annual stockholders' meeting December 8, an effort will be made to reorganize the association, and place it upon a sound financial footing. It is at present approximately \$8,000 in debt and holders of three mortgages are threatening to close, which would necessitate the selling of the park site at auction.

The annual report of the Secretary follows:

Amount Premiums Paid.	
Agriculture Display	\$ 135.00
Grain and Orchard	74.00
Vegetables	27.25
Poultry	68.00
Dairy and Pantry	46.00
Needle Work Department	141.00
Hand Painting	40.00
Carriage, Buggies and Harness	17.00
Woodwork	17.50
Live Stock	\$ 735.25
Less:	
Stall Rent	\$ 99.75
Sweepstakes	103.20
	202.95
Racing	\$2,515.00
Less:	
Stall Rent	\$ 68.00
Entry Fees	688.73
	756.73
	1,758.27
	2,556.32
	94.93

Improvements.	
Gravel	\$ 37.60
Lumber	22.72
Carpenters and Material	34.61
Advertising.	
Felt Pennants	\$ 58.00
H. Bock and Help (Distributing)	70.50
Dean Kimmel (Distributing)	7.50
Martin Oberheide (Distributing)	7.50
Livery Hire	20.00
Horse Review (Turf Paper)	41.63
Lithographs	52.70
Bill Poster (Illmo. Mo.)	2.80
Bill Poster (Chaffee, Mo.)	1.50
	262.13

Labor.	
Track Attendant	\$ 12.00
Janitor	6.00
Dean Kimmel (Quarter Stretch)	6.00
Louis Ische (Poultry Department)	11.50
Office Boy	3.50
B. White (Moving Sec'y Fix.)	1.50
J. Saupe (General)	34.50
H. Whittledge (General)	62.00
	137.00

Marshal and Assistant.	
R. G. Whitelaw (1913-1914)	\$ 20.00
Mr. Randall, Ass't.	10.00
	30.00
Postage	3.00
Poultry Judge	25.00
Insurance	352.07

Directors' Salaries.	
J. T. Nunn	\$ 17.00
D. A. Glenn	15.00
H. L. Machen	14.00
J. Meyer, Jr.	13.00
C. A. Vandivort	11.00
W. F. Schade	13.00
Chas. Blattner	15.00
H. P. Seimers	16.00
J. L. Miller	17.00
	131.00

Printing.	
Daily Tribune (Net)	\$ 162.60
Daily Republican (Net)	91.35
Donaldson Litho. Co.	10.00
	263.95

Interest.	
Chas. Blattner	\$ 240.00
Sturdivant Bank	40.00
	280.00

Merchandise.	
Glenn Merc. Co.	\$ 33.00
Krueker & Krueger	3.20
Bergman & Bartels	3.78
Vogelsanger & Hdw. Co.	4.40
J. A. Vandeven	.35
	44.73

Free Attractions.	
Aeroplane Flights	\$ 950.00



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Fire Works	200.00	1170.00
Western Union Tele. Co.	6.86	
Missouri Utilities Co. (Water)	31.00	
Salaries.		
J. T. Nunn, Supt.	\$ 150.00	
J. T. Nunn, Jr. Sec'y	250.00	
G. S. Summers, Treas.	50.00	
Fred Woods, Ass't. Sec'y	26.00	476.00
Telephone Rent 1 Year	18.60	
Dr. C. E. Schuchert (Music)	330.00	
Stationery	11.35	
Race Starter	75.00	
Attorney's Fees (Dissolution Case)	100.00	
Court Fees (Dissolution Case)	60.00	
American Trotting Ass'n (Dues)	17.50	
Gate Keepers, Floral Hall Help, Etc.		
Arthur Vasterling	\$ 12.00	
Clarence Hunze	12.00	
Jos. Jaeger	12.00	
Louis Whittmore	12.00	
John Hoffman	10.00	
Mr. Lane	10.00	
John Walters	10.00	
Wm. Santerberry	10.00	
L. L. Bowman	25.00	
Miss Helen Coerver	15.00	
Mrs. Chas. Boutin	10.00	
L. L. Bowman's Ass't.	15.00	
Martin Oberheide	2.00	
Chas. Williams	8.00	
Mrs. Tobe Allen	6.00	109.00
Stock Judge	46.30	
U. S. Express Co.	3.80	
John Grieb, for Police Force	126.00	
Straw	50.00	
City License	20.00	
Sprinkling	27.00	
Feed (Poultry Dept.)	4.42	
Auto Hire	4.00	
Rent.		
Haarig Furn. Co. (Ice Box)	\$ 1.00	
T. J. Shorb (Street Leveler)	2.50	3.50
General Expense.		
J. T. Nunn	\$ 85.17	
J. T. Nunn, Jr.	70.00	155.17
Overpaid Warrants No. 290—401	.09	
Overdraft 1913	86.08	7.472
Balance in Treasury, Nov. 23, 1914		\$ 80.



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